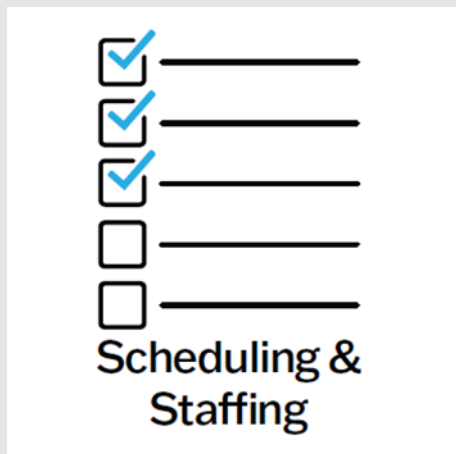




BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

To: Gregg Lindberg, City Manager

From: Tanya Schwartz, Chief of Police

Subject: 2021 Annual Report



The year 2021 was an exciting year for the Burnsville Police Department! Despite continued challenges with Covid-19, we were able to re-engage with one another and our community. We were also able to finalize and begin to execute our department strategic plan priorities. Our priorities focus on Community Engagement, Staff Wellness, Staffing and Scheduling, and Training and Professional Development. We remain grounded in our mission, core values, and our culture to ensure respect and dignity of all human life. Take a look at our strategic plan and see the many ways we are already aligning with our priorities.

Our new Community Engagement/Behavioral Health Unit began operation starting in January of 2021. Our team provides a more intentional response to those in our community suffering with mental illness and mental health issues. Our coordinated response model is a collaborative effort with Dakota County Social Services which includes a part-time embedded social worker. Specialized responses, training, and inclusive collaboration between law enforcement and community-based resources drive our work. The impactful work of BHU led to our department being honored as the winner of the St. Paul Area Chamber Leaders in Local Government Awards in the Public Safety category. This was quite an honor! Check-out the work we are doing in the pages ahead.

As you review our annual report, you will see that public safety and community engagement are top priorities. Every one of our civilian and sworn staff work in collaboration to provide a safe community and professional experience. We know we couldn't do it with the amazing community support you have provided.

Thank you to City Manager Gregg Lindberg, Mayor Elizabeth Kautz and City Council, city departments, and our community. We are extremely grateful for your continued support of all of our public safety teams. We look forward to serving with honor, integrity, courage, knowledge, and excellence for a safe Burnsville.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanya S. Schwartz".

Tanya S. Schwartz, Chief of Police



BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Working together to make a difference
through excellence in policing*

CORE VALUES



Knowledge



Integrity



Honor



Courage



Excellence

OUR GOAL

Strengthen our Culture & deliver the highest level of Public Safety Service grounded in our Mission and Core Values to ensure Procedural Justice and protect the Dignity and Sanctity of Human Life.

BY PRIORITIZING

Training & Development



Invest in high quality training & development opportunities that foster professional growth and equips staff with the knowledge and capabilities to be an innovative and successful department

Staff Wellness



Expand health and wellness initiatives to keep staff healthy, safe, and engaged

Scheduling & Staffing

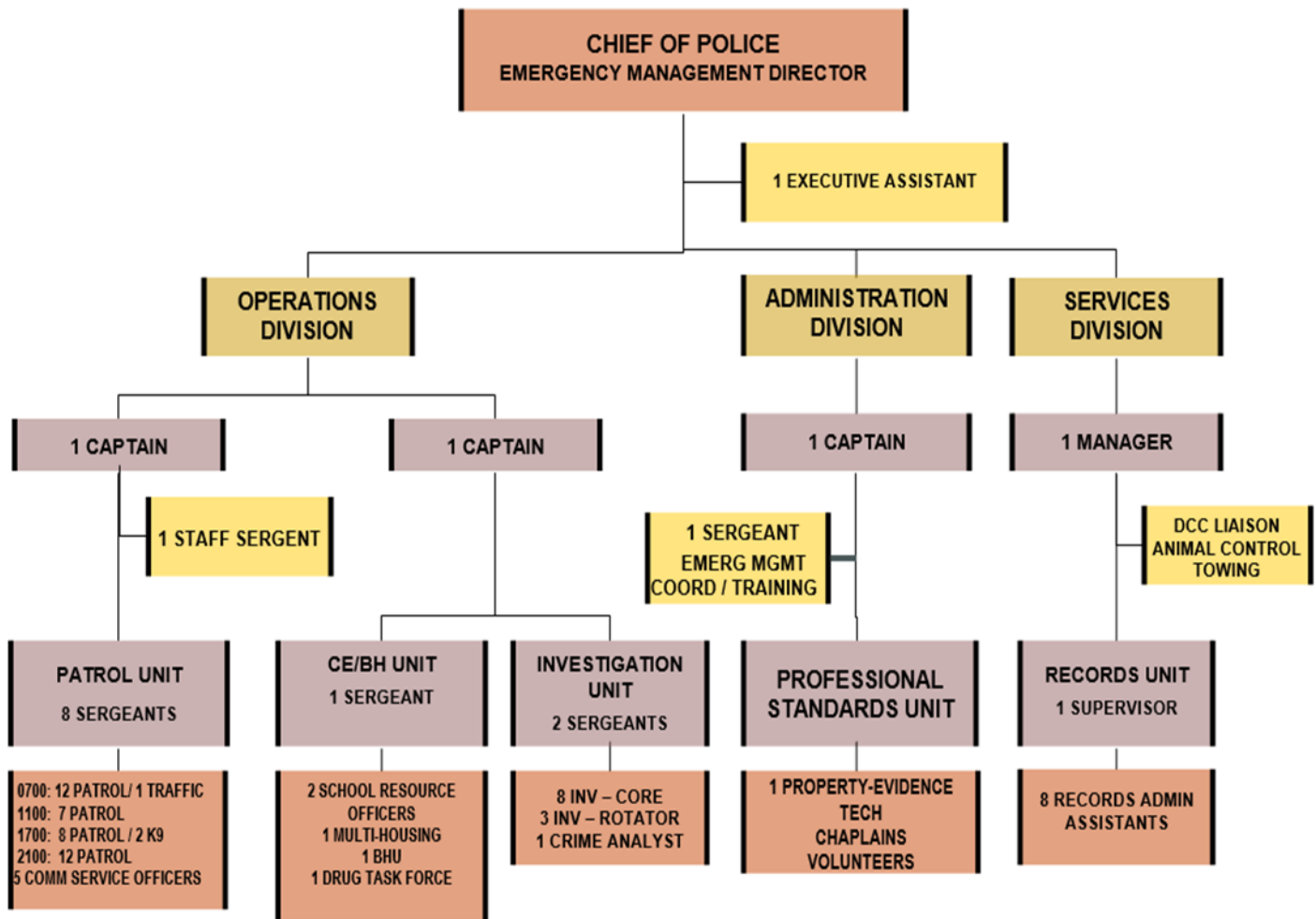


Determine innovative and efficient options to ensure service levels meet community needs

Community Engagement



Build trust and legitimacy through inclusivity and collaboration with the community



2021 BUDGET

CITY OF BURNSVILLE: \$100,568,108

POLICE DEPARTMENT: \$15,738,192

BURNSVILLE AT A GLANCE

Region—Dakota County—South of the River

Developed - 98%

Incorporated—1964

Number of Jobs - 33,283

Population—64,317 (16th largest city in MN)

Parks – 76 parks spanning 1,750 acres

Geographic Area—25 square miles

Housing Units - 26,386

City Streets—225 miles

Median Income - \$76,017

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 Roster

ADMINISTRATION

TANYA SCHWARTZ, Chief of Police

CHRIS WICKLUND, Captain

MATT SMITH, Captain

ELLEN HANNA, Senior Administrative Assistant

DON STENGER, Captain

LYNN LEMBCKE, Services Manager

SERGEANTS

DANIEL ANDERSON, Patrol Sergeant

DAVE POWERS, Patrol Sergeant

SHAUN ANSELMANT, Investigations Sergeant

SHANNON SIEM, Staff Sergeant

BRIAN BECKSTROM, Patrol Sergeant

CASEY SMITH, Patrol Sergeant

PATRICK GAST, Emergency Coord./Training Sergeant

STEVE STOLER, Patrol Sergeant

JARED KASPAR, Investigations Sergeant

MAX YAKOVLEV, Behavior Health Sergeant

JEREMIAH MAHLER, Patrol Sergeant

DAVE ZERWAS, Patrol Sergeant

BRENT MURRAY, Patrol Sergeant

SUPPORT SERVICES-RECORDS

LISA BRANDT, Records Technician

KATIE OHLUND, Records Technician

MARLA ECKL, Records Supervisor

TOM OLSON, Records Technician

HOLLY HELM, Crime Analyst

SANDI PERSONS, Property/Evidence Technician

SONJA MATHWIG, Records Technician

JACQUELINE SKULE, Records Technician

RACHEL MESKILL, Reception

JERI SMITH, Records Technician

SUPPORT SERVICES-COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

FOWSI ALI, Community Service Officer

RYAN MORAN, Community Service Officer

TREVOR DOSTAL, Community Service Officer

ANDREW FORSMAN, Community Service Officer

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 Roster (CONTINUED)

OFFICERS

ALECIA AINSLIE, Patrol Officer

JOE AINSLIE, Patrol Officer

DANE ALEKNAVICIUS, Patrol Officer

BEN ARCHAMBAULT, Community Resource Officer

MELISSA ARCHAMBAULT, Patrol Officer

WILLIAM BERG, Patrol Officer

CASEY BUCK, Investigator

BRYAN BYE, Investigator

JORDAN CAMPBELL, Patrol Officer

MITCH CARLSON, Patrol Officer

LUCAS CRUCIANI, Patrol Officer

PAUL ELMSTRAND, Patrol Officer

PAT GILLIGAN, Investigator

JACOB GRIBBLE, Patrol Officer

CHRIS GOODREAU, Patrol Officer

ROY GUTZMAN, Investigator

EMILY HENDRICKSON, Patrol Officer

MARK HETHERINGTON, Patrol Officer

ERICA HUSTON, Behavior Health Officer

TAYLOR JACOBS, Patrol Officer

JAVIER JIMENEZ, School Resource Officer

CODY JOHNSON, Patrol Officer

NICHOLAS JOYCE, Patrol Officer

JEFF KLINGFUS, Investigator

NICK LARSON, Patrol Officer

SAM LEHMANN, Patrol Officer

BRAD LITKE, Investigator

SHAWN MAHANEY, Investigator

ADAM MEDLICOTT, Patrol Officer

JOHN MOTT, Patrol Officer

PETER MUELLER, Patrol Officer

JUSTIN MULLEN, Patrol Officer

ASHLEY NACEY, Patrol Officer

NICK NELSON, Patrol Officer

ANDREA NEWTON, Investigator

PAUL OELRICH, Patrol Officer

LAUREN OLSON, Patrol Officer/K9

TIM PFAFF, Patrol Officer/K9

RICK PORRAS, Patrol Officer

KYLE POSTHUMUS, Patrol Officer

ALEX REHBEIN, Patrol Officer

NATALIE REINARDY, Patrol Officer

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 Roster (CONTINUED)

OFFICERS

BRYAN RICHMOND, Patrol Officer

JASON RIVIERE, Patrol Officer

KYLE ROBB, Patrol Officer

BRANDON RODRIGUEZ, Patrol Officer

JOSHUA ROSENBERRY, Patrol Officer

KELLY ROY, Patrol Officer

MATTHEW RUGE, Patrol Officer

NATALIE SANDIFER, Investigator

JASON SCRIBNER, Patrol Officer

JAY SEILER, Patrol Officer

KAREN SMITH, Patrol Officer

TOM SMITH, Investigator

NEIL STRANSKY, School Resource Officer

TIM SWOPE, Patrol Officer

LUCAS TESKE, Patrol Officer

LYNRAE TONNE, Patrol Officer

MATTHEW TWAROSKI, Patrol Officer

TIM VAUGHN, Investigator

CHRIS WALSWICK, Patrol Officer

COLIN WARNEMUNDE, Patrol Officer

DAN WICAL, Patrol Officer

ALEX WURST, Patrol Officer

RILEY YULE, Patrol Officer



Interested in a Law Enforcement Career? We need you!



City of Burnsville

We invest in you so you can best serve our community.

POLICE OFFICERS

APPLY TODAY:
[BURNSVILLEMN.GOV/POLICE](https://burnsvillemn.gov/police)

Take a look here: burnsvillemn.gov/221/Join-Our-Team

OR

Chat with the Chief: tanya.schwartz@burnsvillemn.gov

- » Excellent Pay and Benefits
- » Tuition Reimbursement Program
- » Quality Wellness and Mental Health Program
- » Commitment to Personal and Professional Growth
- » Special Assignment Opportunities
- » Community-Oriented Policing

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

BRENT MURRAY NAMED BURNSVILLE 2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Brent Murray has been a member of the Burnsville Police Department since 2002. After 19 years of service, his many accomplishments and demonstration of the department's core values have distinguished him as an exemplary officer and earned Murray the honor of being named Burnsville's 2021 Officer of the Year.

During his time with the Burnsville Police Department, Murray served as a Patrol Officer for four years, an Investigator for three years, and has been a Sergeant for the past 12 years. Murray has received ten Distinguished Service Awards and four Meritorious Service Awards.

The Burnsville Police Department is proud to announce Burnsville Police Sergeant Brent Murray as Burnsville's 2021 Police Officer of the Year.



BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 Award Recipients

VALOR :

OUTSTANDING BRAVERY OR HEROISM

DAN ANDERSON (October 2021)

TAYLOR JACOBS (October 2021)

ADAM MEDLICOTT (October 2021)

PETER MUELLER (October 2021)

KYLE POSTHUMUS (October 2021)

STEVE STOLER (October 2021)

v a l o r
|v a - l ə r| *verb.*

- the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous
- strength and courage



Pictured: Chief Tanya Schwartz, Officers Pete Mueller, Steve Stoler, Kyle Posthumus, Sergeant Dan Anderson and Mayor Elizabeth Kautz. (Not pictured: Taylor Jacobs)

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021

RETIREES



CHRIS GOODREAU, BADGE #73
MAY 1997 TO MAY 2021



JAY SCRIBNER, BADGE #83
APRIL 1999 TO JULY 2021



JEFF KLINGFUS, BADGE #108
FEBRUARY 2003 TO JULY 2021



DAWN AUSEN, RECORDS TECHNICIAN
APRIL 2005 TO JUNE 2021

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE!

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021
PROMOTIONS



KAREN SMITH, BADGE #189

**PROMOTED FROM
CSO TO OFFICER**

AUGUST OF 2021



RILEY YULE, BADGE #191

**PROMOTED FROM
CSO TO OFFICER**

AUGUST OF 2021

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021 NEW HIRES



JAY SEILER, BADGE #186

FEB 2021



MATTHEW TWAROSKI, BADGE #187

FEB 2021



**CODY JOHNSON, BADGE
#192**



ALEX WURST, BADGE #193
NOV 2021



LUCAS CRUCIANI, BADGE #194
NOV 2021

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021 NEW HIRES



TOM OLSON, RECORDS TECHNICIAN



RILEY YULE, CSO-2
MARCH 2021



ANDREW FORSMAN CSO-2
NOV 2021



RYAN MORAN, CSO-1
NOV 2021

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC UNIT

Police, Fire, Public Works, Streets, Engineering and other City staff team up monthly to discuss traffic-related issues. This Traffic Committee Team works collaboratively to identify short- and long-term solutions through education, enforcement and engineering. Officer Mark Hetherington serves on the team along with Sergeant Brent Murray.



Mark Hetherington, Officer



Brent Murray, Sergeant

Did you know:

Stop signs are intended to assign right-of-way for drivers and are not speed control devices. The City can verify the actual speeds to see if it is a perceived speeding problem or an actual issue.

Speeding has been shown to be a significant issue in MN; including traffic-related deaths attributed to speed. According to the Department of Public Safety, 2021 had a 33% increase over 2020 in speed-related, traffic-related deaths, and a 116% increase over 2019. There are a multitude of factors, including less drivers on the road, and increased discretionary time for some people.



VIOLATION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Speed Citations	811	1251	521	371	511
Mobile Device Citations	NA	NA	NA	206	128
Other Moving Citations	878	619	562	253	302
Parking Citations	2170	1676	1793	1119	1393
Other Citations	2567	2001	1410	693	977
Total Citations	6426	5547	4286	2642	3311

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The **Community Service Officer** (CSO) Unit continues to play a vital role within the Burnsville Police Department. CSOs primarily spend their shifts working directly with the Patrol Division and help respond to a variety of calls to include, but not limited to, thefts, damage to property reports, accidents, public assists and custodial transports.

The Burnsville Police Department has a long history of promoting CSOs to police officers. Sergeant Jeremiah Mahler shared, "Allowing CSOs to become familiarized with the police department, the city and community we patrol, helps better prepare them for their officer training and future role as an officer with our department."

The Burnsville Police Department is staffed with up to five CSOs. They are supervised by Sergeants Brian Beckstrom and Jeremiah Mahler.



CSO RYAN MORAN



CSO ANDREW FORSMAN



CSO FOWSI ALI



CSO TREVOR DOSTAL

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

In 2021, Community Resource Unit was restructured into the **Community Engagement** and **Behavioral Health Unit**. Under this new model, Officer Ben Archambault is the primary contact for multi-housing managers and residents. Officer Archambault also works closely with other city staff on community engagement events, citizen academy, and citizen education.



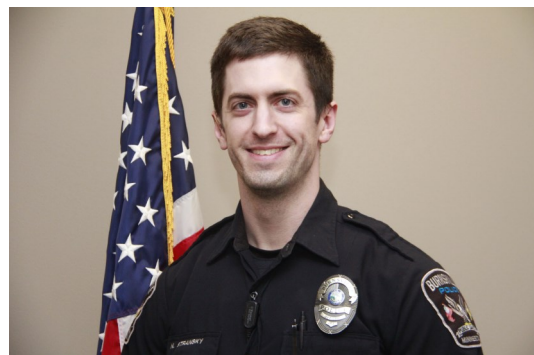
Officer Erica Huston, along with Sergeant Max Yakovlev, are assigned to crisis response and behavioral health-related calls. Both respond to in-progress crisis/mental health-related calls and conduct aftercare follow-ups connecting people with appropriate resources based on their needs. They also work closely with our in-house Dakota County social workers. CE/BHU is supervised by Sergeant Ya-

kovlev and this unit is looking to expand soon.

The newly created **Behavioral Health Unit** was the recipient of the St. Paul Leaders in Local Government Award.



JAVIER JIMENEZE, BADGE #159



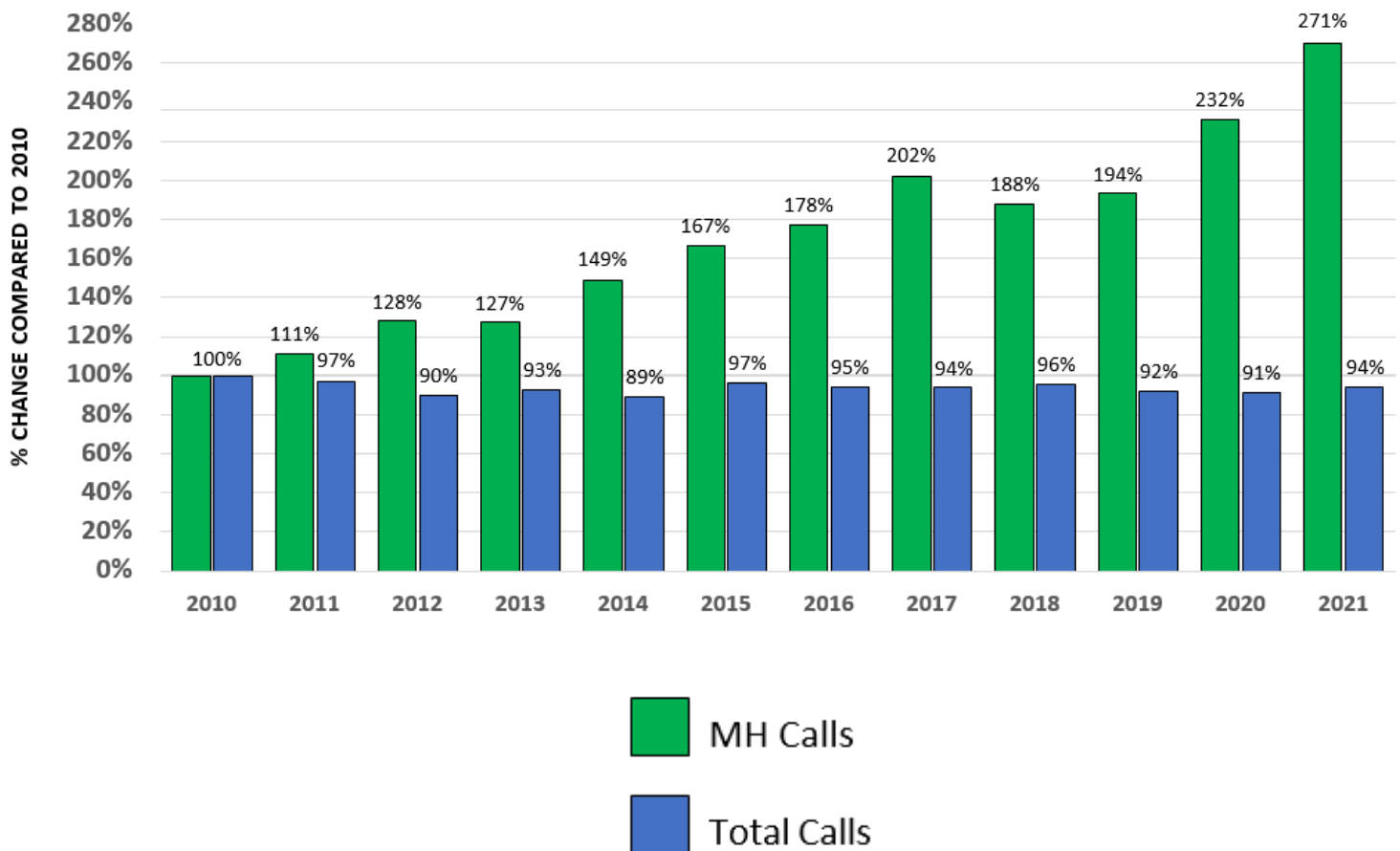
NEIL STRANSKY, BADGE #153

As **School Resource Officers**, Officer Jimenez and Officer Stransky are assigned to the Burnsville High School. Their goal is to promote safety at BHS while at the same time developing a long-lasting, positive relationship between police, BHS staff, and youth. Both Officer Jimenez and Officer Stransky are trained as juvenile investigators.

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT

Rise of Mental Health Calls for Service

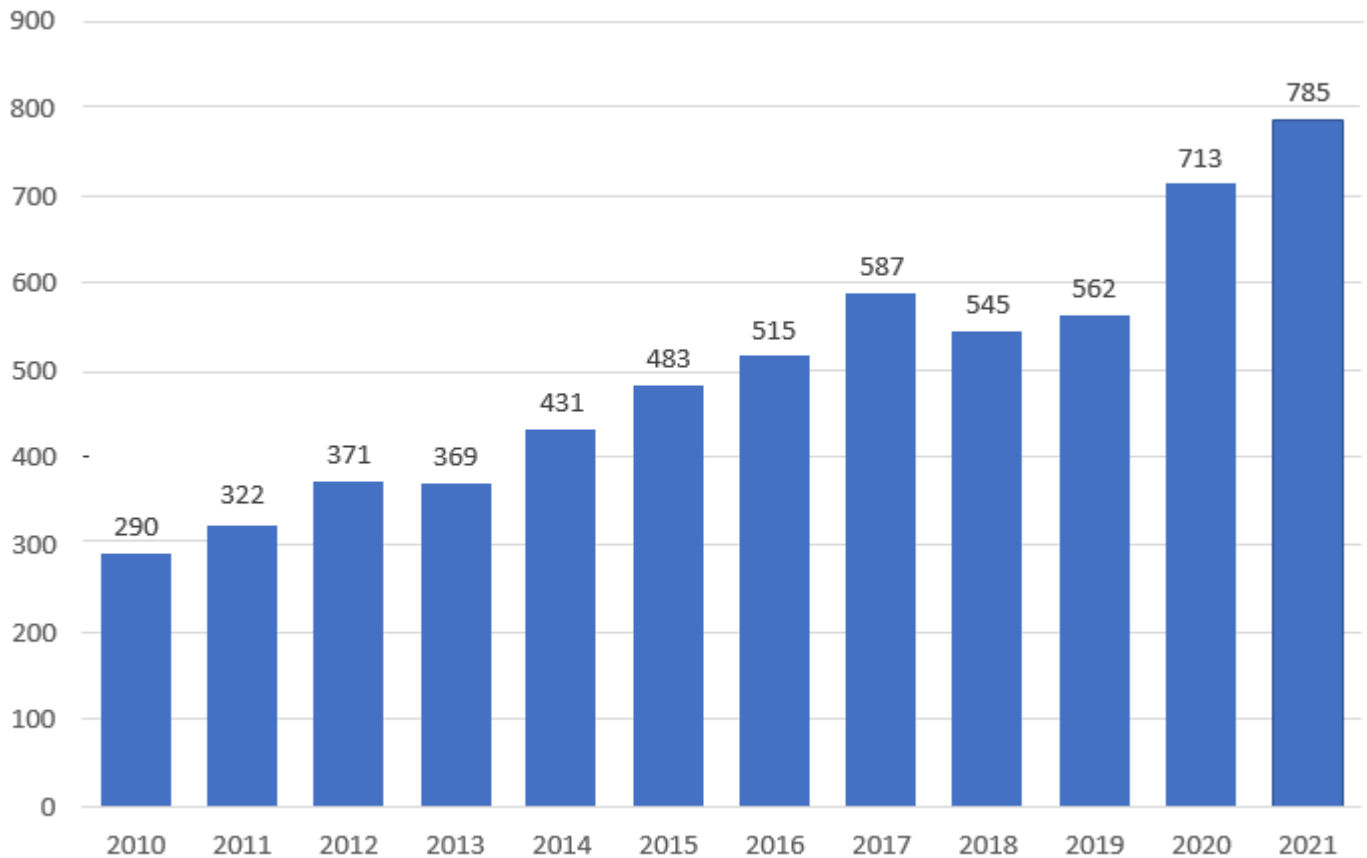


Mental Health calls
have nearly tripled in
10 years, while total
calls remain
relatively constant

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT

Mental Health-coded Calls for Service



The chart above does not represent every crisis/mental health call as calls are often dispatched as Check the Welfare, Disturbance, Suspicious Person, Medical, etc.

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DRUG TASK FORCE UNIT

The Dakota County Drug Task Force (DCDTF) is a collaborative effort to stop the sale/spread of illegal narcotics and the violent crime that is typically associated with drugs. This is a county-wide partnership between the Dakota County Sheriff's office and local police agencies throughout the county. BPD has an agent assigned to the DCDTF fulltime to address large scale narcotics rings as well as local Burnsville quality of life issues. They also work on prevention and public education through numerous presentations throughout the county. Additionally, these agents work closely with state and federal agencies at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), US Marshals, US Dept of Justice, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

In 2021, the DCDTF made over 600 arrests related to drugs and violent crimes. Through these arrests and related warrants, they have taken almost 40 firearms off the streets and seized large amounts of illegal drugs. Fentanyl and Methamphetamine continue to plague our communities, and the seizures of the drugs have been increasing each year.

The DCDTF was recently recognized by the North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) as the top task force of the year (out of 27 task forces!). The award recognized outstanding performance and cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies. One particular case that was highlighted for the award was the seizure of more than 300 pounds of methamphetamine and fentanyl, 14,000 illegal pills, and 22 firearms.

Burnsville Case Highlight: In 2021, the DCDTF investigated a drug trafficking organization which led to a residence in Burnsville. Through the investigation, DCDTF agents executed a search warrant and located approximately five pounds of methamphetamine and one firearm.



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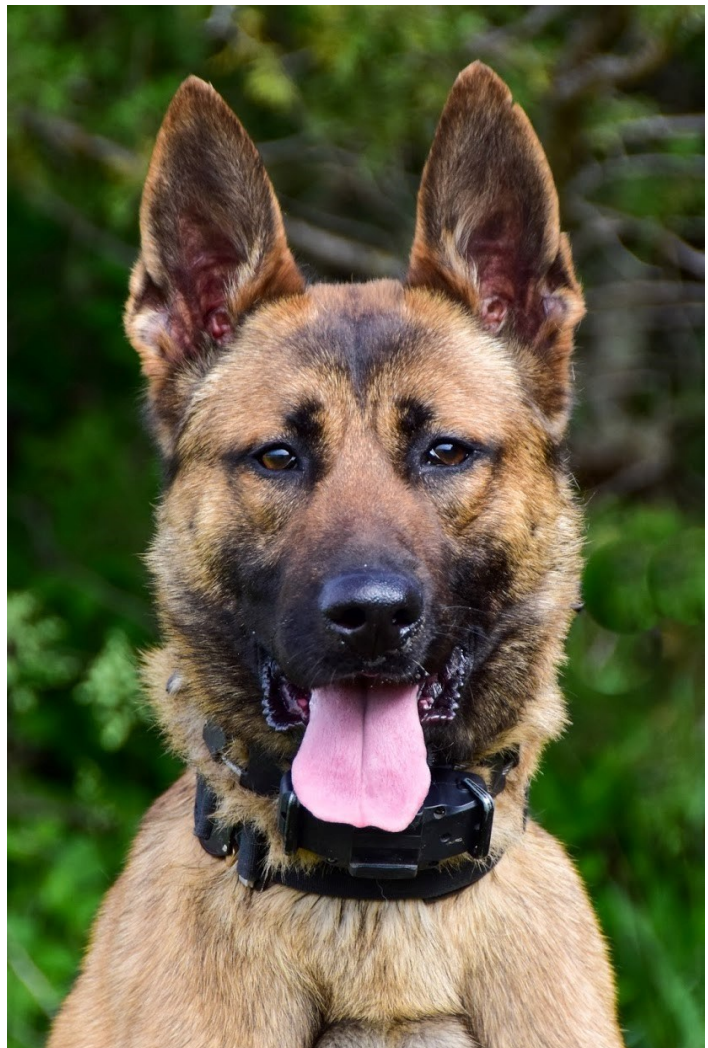
CANINE UNIT

The 2021 Burnsville Police Department K9 Teams consisted of Officer Lauren Olson and K9 Jet, and Officer Tim Pfaff and K9 Blaze. Officer Olson and Jet have been together since 2017 after graduating from the St. Paul PD K9 School. K9 Jet is certified in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection. Officer Pfaff and K9 Blaze graduated from K9 School in early 2021, and began working the road together. K9 Blaze is certified in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection as well. The Canine Unit is supervised by Sergeant Steve Stoler.

2021 still brought some challenges with COVID-19. Our K9 teams enjoy doing public demonstrations, and going into schools, but this was limited with the virus. Officers Olson and Pfaff, along with Jet and Blaze, were deployed numerous times to assist patrol and Emergency Action Group on high risk situations. Some of the calls included searching for suspects with EAG tracking suspects from pursuits, assaults, and other violent and weapon-related calls. Officers Olson and Pfaff, along with their K9 partners, also conducted narcotic-related investigations. Our canine teams assist other agencies and go into known dangers on a regular basis to protect officers and communities. Their service is very commendable.



JET



BLAZE

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PATROL UNIT



The changing of the calendar to 2021 did not mean the end of the pandemic. Officers on patrol continued to adapt and provide their usual great service to the community.

In August, we were finally able to have a badging ceremony for eight of our newest officers, as well as celebrate two promotions. This ceremony had been put on hold for quite some time during the beginning stages of the pandemic. It was absolutely wonderful to celebrate these achievements with the officers, their families, the Police Department and other city staff.

In addition to those celebrated at this ceremony, we also welcomed five more officers to the patrol ranks. All of the people in new positions brought a fresh excitement to their new roles in the patrol division.



In September, a number of members of the department participated in the 9-11 memorial 5k run.

Throughout the year, we continued to feel the fabulous care and concern from our community. Cards and notes of support flowed in throughout the year. We are truly grateful for all of you.

Thank You
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVICES UNIT

Records Unit

The Records Unit consists of civilian employees responsible for the administrative tasks of the Police Department. Actions taken by police officers generates data, which requires processing and records management. Primary responsibilities of the Records Unit include:

- Processing and maintaining all departmental police reports
- Transcription of reports, statements and 911 calls
- Compiling and reporting all statistical information to state and federal agencies
- Compiling and referring cases to County and City prosecutors and the Courts
- Data entry into the records management system
- Respond to data requests
- Process traffic citations
- Welcome visitors at the front desk and on the telephone
- Process accident reports and requests
- Process background checks
- Process gun permits
- Process solicitor/peddler/mobile vendor permits
- Compile and prepare false alarm billings
- Validate NCIC hot file entries
- Process expungements
- Prepare weekly news releases



In 2021, the Records Unit processed 7,673 case files, 3,364 traffic, vehicle and parking citations, and 528 permit to purchase firearm applications.

Property Room:

The Property and Evidence Technician is responsible for securing property and evidence taken in by the Police Department and maintains documentation of the chain of possession of property and evidence. Upon disposition of a case, the property and evidence is disposed of by returning the property to the owner if known, destroying the property if it is contraband or has no value, or selling the unclaimed property by online auction at PropertyRoom.com. In 2021, 3,453 items were placed into the property room, and 439 items were disposed of.



BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVICES UNIT



ANIMAL CONTROL:

The City contracts with American Boarding Kennels for Animal Control Services. In 2021, Animal Control:

- Impounded 132 dogs, 114 of which were reclaimed by their owner (86%)
- Impounded 111 cats, 29 of which were reclaimed by their owner (26%)
- In addition to dogs and cats, Animal Control impounded domestic rabbits, snakes, and other animals and picked up wildlife
- Handled approximately 1,000 animal calls
- Received and followed up on 37 animal bite reports



Compliance Checks:

The Burnsville Police Department conducted annual, state-mandated alcohol and tobacco compliance checks for 111 businesses carrying alcohol and tobacco licenses in 2021. Compliance checks resulted in three alcohol sales violations and one tobacco sale violation.

Grants:

In 2021, the Burnsville Police Department was the recipient of grant funding from four sources:

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety

The Dakota County Traffic Safety Project is a partnership between Burnsville and 11 other Dakota County agencies to increase traffic safety. Coordinated traffic events throughout the county focus on speeding, seat-belts, move over, and impaired driving. Burnsville received a total of \$5,099 for participation in the Dakota County Traffic Safety Project.

U.S. Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership and Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety each cover one-half the cost of bulletproof vests for new police officers, as well as the cost for replacement vests every five years. The City of Burnsville was reimbursed \$20,500 for the purchase of bulletproof vests from these funding sources.

U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Funding was received in the amount of \$13,374 from the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for police equipment. Equipment purchased with this funding includes a respirator dryer and baskets and a night vision scope.

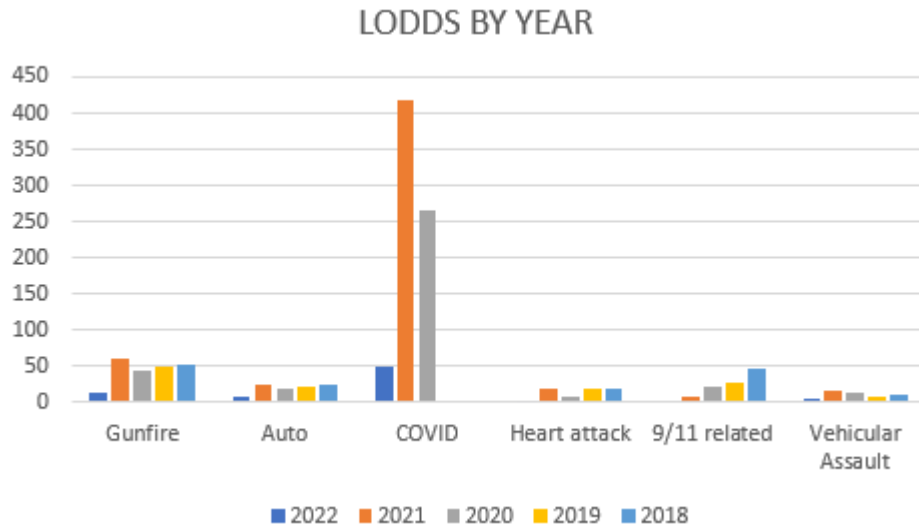
Gun Permits Processed

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Approved	513	1,035	398	431
Denied	15	26	28	14
TOTAL	528	1,061	426	445

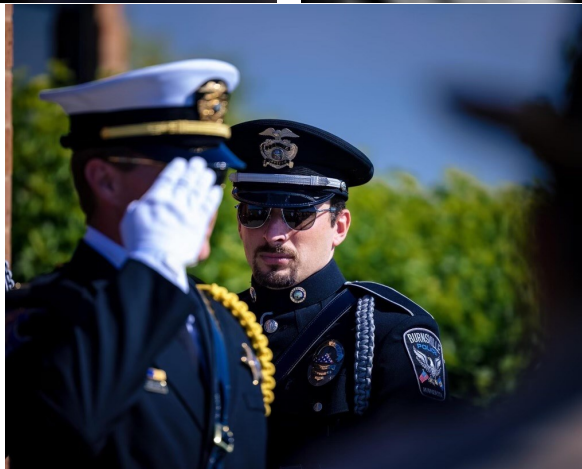
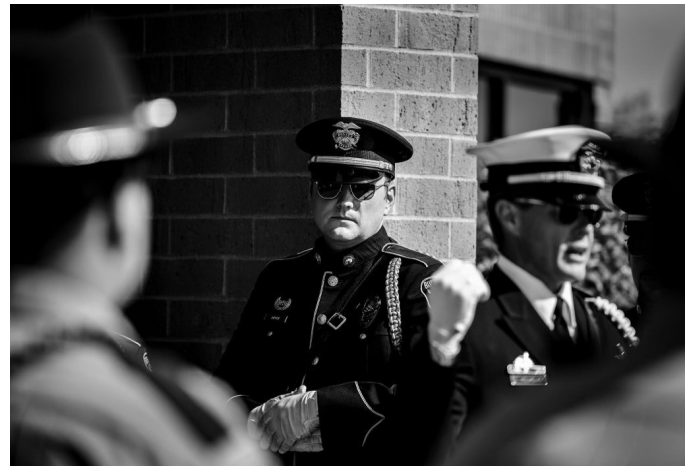
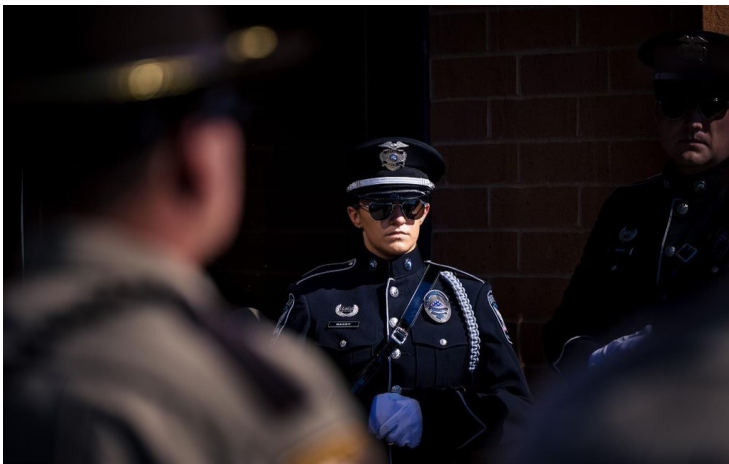
BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HONOR GUARD

In 2021, the leading cause of death for those in law enforcement was COVID and COVID-related complications. To make matters worse, families and departments were restricted from celebrating the lives of those lost due to the pandemic restrictions. In 2021, 64 officers lost their lives to gunfire, 14 more than in 2020. The graph below shows the number of Law Officer Duty Deaths over the past five years.



The Burnsville Honor Guard would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those officers that died in 2021, and hope to be able to honor them this year in St. Paul at the Law Enforcement Memorial Service on May 15th.



BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PEER SUPPORT TEAM

We continued with our efforts in development and utilization of the Burnsville Police Department Peer Support Team. The need for an official Peer Support Team in 2021 was more glaring than ever before due to the stressors of the ongoing pandemic as well as stressors related to police reform legislature and negative policing profession narratives.

The Burnsville Police Department Peer Support Team has been developed to help those in law enforcement and their families address the unique emotional, psychological, and chemical issues that affect those who work in public safety.

This peer-driven program can help officers gain clarity and/or resolve issues such as:

- Personal and work-related stress
- Finances and legal issues
- Excessive worry and anxiety problems
- Sadness and depression
- Relationships (marriage, family and friends)
- Chemical health concerns
- Emotional dysregulation
- Critical incident stress and/or trauma
- Parenting challenges
- Military Service reintegration
- Suicide and thoughts of self-harm



Officers also have available to them individual sessions and check-ins with our Trauma Treatment Specialist/Wellness Programmer/Trainer and Consultant, **Marie Ridgeway, MSW, LICSW, CCTP, RYT, Adv. ART.** Marie specializes in working with Law Enforcement and First Responders. Her goals include mitigating the common stress response, suicide prevention and connecting every First Responder to someone who knows how to help should an officer ever need it. The mission is to provide quality, occupationally-competent mental health care so that everyone who has experienced the effects of stress accumulation has the assistance they need to not just survive, but thrive.

Burnsville Police Department

Mobile Command Post

The Burnsville Mobile Command Vehicle is an extremely useful tool that is typically used throughout Dakota County for large scale public events, police, and fire incidents. The greatest benefit the vehicle provides is a safe environment for incident command staff to come together during a critical incident. The vehicle is equipped with technology that can aid both police and fire during these incidents.

The Burnsville Mobile Command Post team is comprised of 14 team members consisting of Patrol Officers, Patrol Sergeants, Police Administration, Records, Firefighter Paramedics, and IT for the City of Burnsville. Joining the team in 2021 were: Officer Jordan Campbell, Officer Paul Elmstrand, Fire Captain Tony Bigelbach, Firefighter/Paramedic Noah Elsner, and Officer Brandon Rodriguez. Fire Captain Bigelbach will assist Police Sergeant Gast and Police Sergeant Beckstrom in overseeing the Mobile Command Post team going forward. The team trains on a bi-monthly basis to ensure they are prepared for the next call for service requiring a response.

We want to thank Officer Chris Walswick for his five years of service, Officer Shawn Mahaney for his nearly four years of service, and Police Records Supervisor, Marla Eckl, for her five years of service.

In 2021, the MCP responded to 11 events. Of those events, one was for BPD, one was for BFD, and five were mutual aid responses elsewhere in Dakota County. The MCP was also utilized for two training events, as well as a public relations event at a school and, of course, the Burnsville Fire Muster.



Burnsville Police Department

Emergency Management



Sergeant Patrick Gast is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Burnsville. In this role, he is responsible for emergency preparedness, conducting background checks on permit to purchase firearms applicants, and working with the M Health Fairview Ridges Hospital and Independent School District 191 in preparation for natural and man-made emergencies. He trains first responders in Dakota County in 3ECHO response, and provides a personal safety/workplace violence survival training to Burnsville city staff and employees of private businesses in Burnsville. Sergeant Gast also coordinates police staffing and protection design for the Burnsville Fire Muster, and the Heart of the City Race.

Sergeant Gast is a member of the Exercise Design Team as well as a member of the Dakota County Domestic Preparedness Committee (DCDPC). All of these groups are comprised of members from all public safety disciplines from within Dakota County. The focus of the groups is to plan for safe and effective response to events in Dakota County. Exercises build relationships that are vital to have prior to an event occurring in Dakota County so first responders can work together to successfully resolve problems that require a multi-agency response.



Burnsville Police Department

Chaplains

The internal mission of the **Chaplain Corps** is to provide professional guidance to the leaders of the Fire and Police Departments and their members, to conduct crisis intervention counseling, and to promote well-being of the department members. The external mission of the Chaplain Corps is to offer counseling, spiritual guidance, and assistance to persons confronted with crisis experiences; to serve as instruments of reconciliation by easing stress-related situations involving the public, and to function as a source of positive Fire, Police and community relations. Our Chaplains consist of Mark Patrick, John Campbell (ret.), Sheldon Beilke, Tom Gilbertson, Jim Perkl, John Matthews, and Crystal Beilke (not pictured).



JOHN CAMPBELL, BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

RETIRED ON JULY 21, 2021

John was a member and leader of the Chaplain Corps for almost 20 years. Thank you for providing prayerful support and faithful encouragement to help comfort members and families of the Burnsville Police and Fire Departments as well as the residents of Burnsville. Best wishes in your retirement.



Burnsville Police Department

Crime Scene Team



Our Crime Scene Team stayed busy throughout 2021 processing scenes and collecting evidence. These cases consisted of burglaries, robberies, assaults, death scenes and homicide investigations. Our team was also able to assist other agencies in some of their crime scenes, including a homicide investigation for the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. Monthly trainings with our team were reestablished after the heightened unpredictability of the COVID pandemic during 2020/early 2021.

We added three new members in 2021-Officers Nick Joyce, Natalie Sandifer, and Luke Teske. These officers were trained by our current members and have been a great asset to the team. Our entire team was able to attend the annual Minnesota International Association for Identification Conference (MN IAI) in Duluth. Our very own team member, Detective Brad Litke, is also the President of the MN IAI for 2022!

Due to COVID, we were unable to host our week-long Crime Scene class for other agencies in 2021. Thankfully, we have a 2022 date scheduled and are excited to teach and network with our partner agencies!

Burnsville Police Department

Electronic Crimes Unit



**SMART Center — Safety
and Mental Health
Alternative Response
Training Center**

Burnsville Police Department was one of the first agencies to partner with Dakota County on the ECU pilot project in 2015. With the huge increase in electronic crimes and evidence involving electronics it was recognized this is a specialty that was needed within Dakota County. Investigating these crimes or the evidence involved is extremely complicated and requires numerous hours of training to be done correctly. There are currently four sworn law enforcement investigators and two civilian examiners assigned to the unit from agencies throughout the county. BPD has one investigator assigned to ECU full time. Detective Tim Vaughn, who has served as our representative since 2015, will return to his regular role as investigator at the police department. Detective Brad Litke will transition in 2022.

In 2021, ECU analyzed more than 600 electronic devices ranging from phones to desktop computers. They contained more than 86,000 GB of data! These devices were used to help bring charges for cases involving sex crimes, robbery, homicide, and child exploitation among others. Also, in 2021 the ECU was able to move into its new home at the SMART Center. This required significant work to move the complex operations from one location to another while still keeping the daily operations running. The new facility has brought many great improvements in space, technology and overall efficiency.



Burnsville Police Department

Emergency Action Group

The Burnsville Emergency Action Group (tactical team) consists of 12 tactical officers including two team leaders, two assistant team leaders, and two paramedics from the Burnsville Fire Department. Members of the team are trained in high risk search warrants, hostage rescue, terrorist events, riot control, dignitary protection, and many other specializations. The team is also assisted by Burnsville K9 officers.

Weapons and equipment issued to tactical officers are essential in dealing with high-risk threats, and gives officers the ability to protect and serve at a high level for the residents of Burnsville.

The Burnsville Tactical Team is part of the South Metro Tactical Teams, which includes tactical teams from Eagan, Bloomington, Richfield, the MSP Airport, and Scott/Carver County. The teams train together once a year at Camp Ripley for a week, and will assist each other on call-outs as needed.

The Burnsville Tactical team has a dedicated squad car for patrol. Officers assigned to the tactical team use this car on patrol, and it is equipped with specialized gear. This squad car enables tactical officers on patrol to resolve high-risk incidents without calling the entire team out.

The EAG team officers include: Joe Ainslie, Anthony Bigelbach (Fire), Justin Gibbish (Fire), Tim Swope, Javier Jimenez, Sam Lehmann, Shawn Mahaney, Tim Pfaff (K9), Dan Wical, Max Yakovlev (Sgt), Casey Smith (Sgt), Tom Smith, Jason Riviere, Nick Nelson and Lauren Olson (K9).



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Investigations Unit



The Burnsville Police Department has 11 investigators and two detective sergeants working to investigate crimes that occur in Burnsville or to our Burnsville residents. The unit also has a dedicated crime analyst who works hand in hand with the Investigations Unit, and is a huge asset to our day-to-day operations here in the City of Burnsville. The men and women of the Investigations Unit investigate crimes ranging from thefts to homicide. In 2021, approximately 955 cases were handled and investigated.

The year continued to be a challenging year for investigations due to being short-staffed and continued with COVID-19 restrictions. Investigators were working both in and out of office as they continued to do their jobs remotely as necessary. Two major cases that occurred over the year and took a lot of investigative teamwork were a fatal traffic accident that claimed the lives of two young people, and the homicide of an innocent male victim at a Burnsville hotel.

In the first case, racing vehicles and high speeds ultimately caused a collision that took the lives of two young people. Detective Pat Gilligan lead the investigation with the assistance of numerous other Burnsville detectives, the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Unit, and the Minnesota State Patrol, taking months to fully investigate. Ultimately, felony murder charges were brought against the suspects involved.

The second case, a homicide tragically left one male victim deceased after being shot by a stranger. The responding Burnsville patrol officers arrested the male suspect at the scene. The Investigations Unit responded to the scene to investigate the incident. Detectives Tom Smith and Bryan Bye led the investigation. Felony murder charges were brought against an adult male from the State of Texas. The Dakota County Attorney's office is reviewing the case.

The Burnsville Police Department also continues to conduct bi-annual Predatory Offender checks in the city as we currently have 114 registered offenders living in our community. We have four specific investigators assigned to monitor and keep track of predatory offender information.

The Investigations Unit celebrated the retirement of one of our core detectives in 2021. Investigator Jeff Klingfus served the City of Burnsville for 19 years and will be greatly missed.

The 2021 Investigations Unit consisted of: Sergeant Shaun Anselment, Sergeant Jared Kaspar, Bryan Bye, Casey Buck, Patrick Gilligan, Roy Gutzman, Natalie Sandifer, Jeff Klingfus, Brad Litke, Shawn Mahaney, Andrea Newton, Tom Smith, Tim Vaughn and Crime Analyst Holly Helm.



Burnsville Police Department

Night to Unite

Night to Unite is held annually on the first Tuesday in August. The event provides an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood spirit and City-community partnerships. It can also heighten awareness around crime, drug and violence prevention; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In 2020, Night to Unite was cancelled due to COVID. This year's event was a very welcoming, in-person event!



Burnsville Police Department and the community

BPD Officers Roy Gutzman and Jake Gribble, as well as CSO Trevor Dostal help a veteran move his couch.



Dick's Sporting Goods donated a variety of sporting goods to the Burnsville Community to enhance the awareness of exercise. Sergeant Brent Murray accepted the donation. Thank you, Dick's Sporting Goods!

Burnsville Police Department and the community



911 5k Tribute Run



Special Olympics Torch Run



Tunnel 2 Towers 5K run/walk

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PINK PATCHES ARE AVAILABLE HERE!

LARGE - \$10

SMALL - \$5

CASH, CHECK OR VENMO

Please make checks out to The American Cancer Society

Thank you for your support!

Pink Patch Project – Burnsville Police Department kicked off it's first year of participating in the Pink Patch Project with the help of Sergeant Shannon Siem, and Records Technician, Jeri Lusk-Smith. Several Dakota County agencies, who continue to raise money for the American Cancer Society, held a booth at the Dakota County Fair. The partners were from Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Rosemount PD, Hastings PD and Farmington PD. Burnsville PD and Inver Grove Heights PD joined this initiative. Patches are currently available at the Burnsville Police Department.



Burnsville Police Department

2021 Statistics

2020 crimes were counted using Uniform Crime Reporting standards through July, and then National Incident-Based Reporting System starting in August. Therefore, it is not reasonable to compare full-year crime stats for 2020 and 2021. Year-to-Year comparison will resume in the 2022 Annual Report.

Group A, Crimes Against Persons	2021
09A - Homicide - Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1
09B - Homicide - Negligent Manslaughter	1
09C - Homicide - Justifiable Homicide	0
100 - Kidnapping/Abduction	4
11A - Sex Offenses - Rape	22
11B - Sex Offenses - Sodomy	4
11C - Sex Offenses - Sexual Assault with an Object	2
11D - Sex Offenses - Fondling	33
13A - Assault - Aggravated	92
13B - Assault - Simple	198
13C - Assault - Intimidation	123
36A - Sex Offenses, Non-forcible - Incest	0
36B - Sex Offenses, Non-forcible - Statutory Rape	0
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	480

Group A, Crimes Against Property	2021
120 - Robbery	23
200 - Arson	2
210 - Extortion/Blackmail	4
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering (Dwelling/Residential)	59
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering (Non-Dwelling)	43
23A - Larceny/Theft - Pocket Picking	1
23B - Larceny/Theft - Purse-Snatching	2
23C - Larceny/Theft - Shoplifting	283
23D - Larceny/Theft - Theft from Building	49
23E - Larceny/Theft - Theft from Coin Operated Machine or Device	0
23F - Larceny/Theft - Theft from Motor Vehicle	327
23G - Larceny/Theft - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	263
23H - Larceny/Theft - All Other	509
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	150
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	60
26A - Fraud - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	76
26B - Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	151
26C - Fraud - Impersonation	4
26D - Fraud - Welfare Fraud	0
26E - Fraud - Wire Fraud	7
26F - Fraud - Identity Theft	155
26G - Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0
270 - Embezzlement	1
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	54
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	390
510 - Bribery	0
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2613

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2021 Statistics

Group A, Crimes Against Society	2021	Group B Crimes	2021
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	104	90A - Bad Checks	0
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	21	90B - Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	3
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material	26	90C - Disorderly Conduct	128
39A - Gambling - Betting Wagering	0	90D - DUI	178
39B - Gambling - Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	90D - DUI Related	93
39C - Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	90E - Drunkenness	0
39D - Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	90F - Family Offenses, Nonviolent	3
40A - Prostitution	0	90G - Liquor Law Violations	37
40B - Prostitution - Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	90H - Peeping Tom	0
40C - Prostitution - Purchasing Prostitution	0	90I - Runaway	0
520 - Weapon Law Violations	59	90J - Trespass of Real Property	37
720 - Animal Cruelty	0	90Z - All Other Offenses	446
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	210	TOTAL GROUP B CRIMES	925

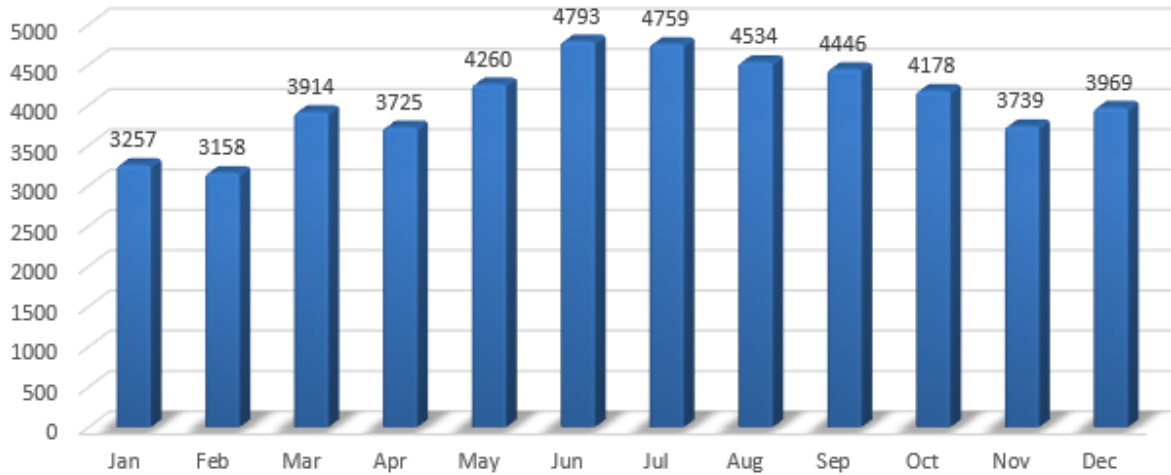
	2021	2020	% change
Total Adult Arrests	1,287	1,170	10.0%
Total Juvenile Arrests	107	102	4.9%
Total Traffic Citations	3,311	2,642	25.3%

Total Traffic Stops	3,626	2,374	52.7%
Total Non-Traffic Calls	45,105	44,822	0.6%
Total Calls for Service	48,731	47,196	3.3%

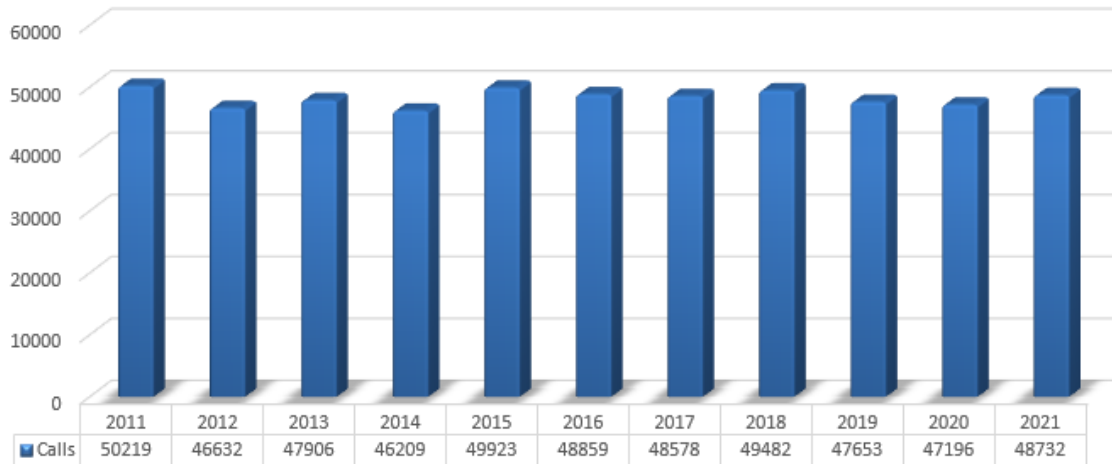
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2021 Statistics

2021 Calls for Service by Month



Calls for Service 2011-2021

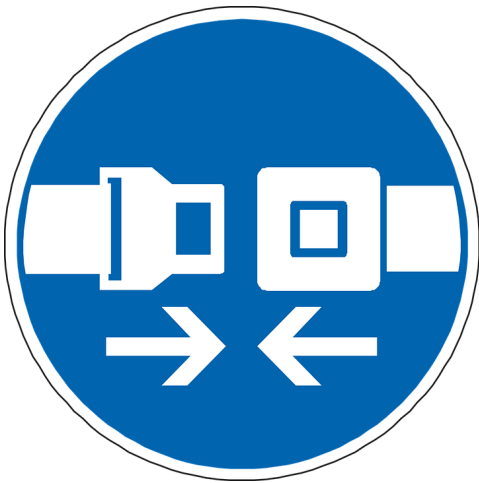


2021 Top 10 Calls for Service

Suspicious Activity	3289
Disturbance	2163
Theft	1923
Medical	1795
Alarm	1537
Vehicle Accident - No injury	1441
Check Welfare	1386
Civil	1330
Domestic	938
Road/Driving Complaints	927

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2021 Statistics



2021 Top Accident Locations	
Location	# Of Accidents
CO RD 42 / NICOLLET AVE S	54
CO RD 42 / I-35E	51
CO RD 42 / ALDRICH AVE S	50
CO RD 42 / I-35W	41
810 CO RD 42 (TARGET)	36
CO RD 42 / CO RD 5	36
CO RD 42 / BURNHAVEN DR	33
CO RD 42 / BURNSVILLE PKWY	29
14050 BURNHAVEN DR (COSTCO)	28
CLIFF RD / HWY 13	24

Motor Vehicle Accident Statistics		
Incident	2021	2020
<i>Traffic Fatalities</i>	3	0
<i>Hit & Run Accidents</i>	94	151
<i>Property Damage Accidents</i>	1351	1163
<i>Personal Injury Accidents</i>	246	203
Total Accidents	1694	1517



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2021 Statistics

Top 10 Charges on Citations – 2021	
Offense	# of Citations
No Parking 2AM to 6AM	890
Speeding	511
Parked Blocking Snow Removal	181
No Current Vehicle Registration	178
Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance	149
Driving After Revocation	138
No Valid Drivers License	113
No Parking of Large Commercial Vehicle in Residential Area	113
Parking Where Signs Prohibit	85
Driving After Suspension	67

VIOLATION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Speed Citations	811	1251	521	371	511
Mobile Device Citations	NA	NA	NA	206	128
Other Moving Citations	878	619	562	253	302
Parking Citations	2170	1676	1793	1119	1393
Other Citations	2567	2001	1410	693	977
Total Citations	6426	5547	4286	2642	3311

Top 10 Arrest Offenses			
ADULT		JUVENILE	
90D - DUI	192	90C - Disorderly Conduct	30
13B - Assault - Simple	127	13B - Assault - Simple	9
23C - Larceny/Theft - Shoplifting	94	290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	9
13A - Assault - Aggravated	74	23C - Larceny/Theft - Shoplifting	6
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	72	13C - Assault - Intimidation	5
13C - Assault - Intimidation	46	90G - Liquor Law Violations	5
90C - Disorderly Conduct	37	280 - Stolen Property Offenses	3
520 - Weapon Law Violations	33	90J - Trespass of Real Property	3
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	29	13A - Assault - Aggravated	2
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	29	35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	2
		520 - Weapon Law Violations	2
		23H - Larceny/Theft - All Other	2
		11A - Sex Offenses - Rape	2

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